go and buy EXIM SCRIPS which are costly. So, he will be trying to reduce the import and also he will be trying to export more. Actually, the new policy is giving thrust on reduction of imports and also giving an impetus to exports.

Food Processing Industries

*498. SHRI SUDHIR GIRI: Will the Minister of FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

(a) the number of food processing industries developed under the direct control of the Union Government in 1989-90 and 1990-91, State-wise;

(b) the main problems faced by these industries in their expansion;

(c) the total grants made by the Union Government towards development of the food processing industries during 1989-90 and 1990-91; and

(d) the incentives provided by the Union Government to the new entrepreneurs?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES (SHRI GIRIDHAR GOMANGO): (a) to (d) A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT

There are two Public Sector Undertakings under the control of Ministry of Food Processing Industries viz. Modern Food Industries (India) Ltd. (MFIL), New Delhi and North Eastern Regional Agricultural Marketing Corporation Limited (NERAMAC), Guwahati. In 1989-90 Modern Food Industries (India) Limited has added one bread line in Madras by converting a bun line shifted from Calcutta, modernised bread plant in Cochin and Madras and has initiated steps to add two bread lines in Delhi. This company has also expanded capacity of its Fruit Juice Bottling Plant at Delhi in 1990-91. North Eastern Regional Agricultural Marketing Corporation Limited (NERAMAC) has not set up any new plant in last two years but has been trying to develop fruit juice concentrate plant at Nalkata.

Modern Food Industries (India) Limited has not been able to expand its bread manufacturing activities substantially because the bread industry has been reserved for small scale industries. However, the company have taken steps to develop ancillaries and franchise of bread, and fruit based drinks.

NERAMAC has not been able to perform satisfactorily mainly due to non-availability of raw material throughout the year, difficulties in timely availability of suitable packaging material, marketing and organisation problems coupled with transport bottlenecks and other infrastructual problems in built in difficult terrain of north eastern region. In order to have an indepth study of the functioning of the Corporation and to make suitable recommendations to the Government, a High Level Committee was constituted which the submitted its report recently.

Ministry of Food Processing Industries provided budgetary support to Modern Food Industries (India) Limited (MFIL) and NERAMAC as follows:—

(*Rupees in Crores*)

Central Undertaking	*Year*	*Equity*	*Loan*	*Total*
MFIL	1989-90	1.28	1.28	2.56
	1990-91	0.95	0.95	1.90
NERAMAC	1989-90	..	..	..
	1990-91	..	0.90	0.90

This Ministry does not directly provide financial assistance to the entrepreneurs but it provides grants/assistance for implementation of various schemes for establishment or enlarging fruit and vegetable processing industries to State Governments, State Government Undertakings, Joint Sector Undertakings and State level cooperatives. During the year 1989-90 and 1990-91, the following grants were provided for development of food processing industries under various schemes:—

1989-90	. .	Rs. 11.14 crores
1990-91	. .	Rs. 11.58 crores

Industrial Policy announced recently by the Central Government puts food Processing Industries including packaging in the priority list. Joint ventures with foreign companies for capital, technology and marketing tie ups could be done by Indian entrepreneurs and approvals for such would be cleared expeditiously. Recently announced export policy gives incentives for export by issuance of EXIM SCRIPTS with which payment for imported capital goods, technical know-how fees, royalties and raw materials etc. could be made. Various excise duty reliefs given in the recent Budget will also be the incentive for setting up/enlarging industries in the food processing sector.

SHRI SUDHIR GIRI: Sir, my first supplementary is—what is the total amount provided by the Government of India to the State Government of West Bengal for the development of the food processing industry? Can you give the amount of money to the new entrepreneurs?

SHRI GIRIDHAR GOMANGO : I have already given a detailed statement in reply to the main question. The supplementary put by the hon. Member is not directly related to the main question. We are giving the assistance to the State Government and it's agencies and it is for the State Government to decide schemes to help the entrepreneurs.

MR. SPEAKER: He has said that it is being given through the State Governments. That is why he has not given the amount.

SHRI SUDHIR GIRI: My second supplementary is—has the Central Government concentrated their efforts for the development of food processing industries in the northern part of India? May I know from the hon. Minister whether they would take steps to de-centralise the capital for the development of food processing industries in the rural areas of Eastern India?

SHRI GIRIDHAR GOMANGO : Sir, the question is of the public sector units of the food processing industries. We have got two public sector undertakings—Modern Food Industries Limited and the North Eastern Regional Agricultural Marketing Corporation Limited (NERAMAC). The intention of the Government in setting up this public sector undertaking—NERAMAC—at Guwahati was to help set up food processing units in the rural areas in the North Eastern States.

SHRI RAM VILAS PASWAN : Sir, No Cabinet Ministers are here. Somebody can answer.

AN HON. MEMBER: Please do not disturb.

SHRI GIRIDHAR GOMANGO : Recently we have constituted a committee to find out the problems that are faced by this public sector undertaking, NERAMAC and they have submitted their report. The Ministry is examining it and will find out a solution to the problems so that food processing units can be assisted in the North Eastern States through NERAMAC.

SHRI SUDHIR GIRI : I did not find any clear answer from the hon. Minister. I want to know what steps the Government are taking to invest capital in the field of food processing industries in the Eastern India?

SHRI GIRIDHAR GOMANGO : We are not directly assisting an entrepreneur for setting up of the food

processing units. We are assisting the State Governments for common facility centres with infrastructure to be set up by the State Governments where we are giving 50 per cent of the assistance. The public sector undertaking, NERAMAC along with the North Eastern council set up by the Government is identifying for setting up of food processing units in the North Eastern States.

PROF. UMMA REDDY VENKATESHWARLU: Sir, in recent times the fish production has also been increased tremendously. The fish processing units are not being commensurate with the total production of the fish in the country. Is there any proposal with the Government to have more number of fish processing units —units which are meant for processing the fish products both for exports and also for internal consumption, with a special reference to Andhra Pradesh?

SHRI GIRIDHAR GOMANGO : Sir, the Supplementary question asked by the Member does not directly relate to the main question.

MR. SPEAKER: He is asking whether you are trying to establish fish processing industry.

SHRI GIRIDHAR GOMANGO : No directly by us.

SHRI CHANDRA JEET YADAV: Sir, this is a very important industry and it can maximise employment possibilities also. But it is in a bad state of affairs. The main problems which the entrepreneurs face are (1) financial problems. They do not get financial assistance on time; (2) There is no proper counselling and guiding to the new entrepreneurs. Sir, the small entrepreneurs will come in this area. The Government does not give financial assistance. Its assistance was in 1989-90 only, may be Rs. 0.14 crores and in 1990-91 only Rs. 11.58 crores. Rs. 11.58 crores is nothing for a whole year. Will the Government keep into consideration while considering the high powered Committee's recommendations which the Government has already received that some positive steps are to be taken to give necessary financial assistance either by banks or financial corporations and also proper counselling and guidance to new entrepreneurs? This is what I want to know.

SHRI GIRIDHAR GOMANGO : Sir, I have already answered the main question. About the second part of his question, I would like to say that the new Industrial Policy and the Import and Export policy and the incentives to small scale industries announced by the Government, will be beneficial for setting up of food processing units by the new entrepreneurs.

That apart, Sir, recently the Government for the first time exempted excise duty on many food processing industries. All these things will be definitely encouraging the entrepreneurs. Besides, the Ministry is providing 50 per cent subsidy to the State Governments for setting up of food processing units for infrastructural development. More and more food processing units will be set up in the rural areas to provide employment for the rural people along with all these incentives provided by the Government. The small units in rural areas will have to be tied up with the large units so that the units will be viable. We will discuss this with the concerned Ministries and the Departments of the Government of India as well as with the State Governments so that the facilities and the incentives provided will be beneficial to the States as well as the entrepreneurs of the food processing units.

SHRI MANORANJAN BHAKTA: Mr. Speaker, Sir, the Union Territory of Andaman and Nicobar Islands is having a vast resource of fish and a vast coastline area. I would like to know from the hon. Minister whether the Union Government has got any programme to take up fish processing on a massive scale.

MR. SPEAKER: Manoranjanji, it does not come under his Ministry.

(Interruptions)

SHRI GIRIDHAR GOMANGO : Sir, deep-sea fishing comes under the Food Processing Ministry. We issue permits for deep-sea fishing of foreign fishing vessels under this scheme. We are not directly funding for setting up fish processing units in private sector but are assisting the public/cooperative and joint sectors in this field.

MR. SPEAKER: The Member from Andhra Pradesh has put the same question.

SHRI GIRIDHAR GOMANGO : Of course, it is the same question from the Member from Andaman and Nicobar Islands. He was asking whether the Government will take up fish processing at Port Blair. Sir, we have got a branch of the Fishery Survey of India at Port Blair to undertake the survey of fish resources.

[Translation]

Cement Factories

*500. SHRI RAJVEER SINGH : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) the places where cement factories are running at present in the country and the number of employees working therein;

(b) whether the Government propose to set up any cement factory during the Eighth Five Year Plan in Uttar Pradesh; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

[English]

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (PROF. P. J. KURIEN): (a) to (c) A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT

(a) The details of cement factories functioning in the country, in the organised sector, are given in the attached Annexure. Information about the number of employees working therein, is not being Centrally maintained.

(b) and (c) M/s. Cement Corporation of India, a public sector enterprises of the Government of India, had applied for change of location from Bhatinda (Punjab) to Bagpat (Uttar Pradesh) for setting up a cement grinding unit.

M/s. Darshan Oils (P) Ltd. had applied, under the Exempted Industries Registration Scheme, for setting up a mini cement plant in District Aligarh (Uttar Pradesh) for manufacture of cement with a capacity of 66,000 tonnes per annum.

Under the revised Licensing Policy, notified recently, no Industrial Licence is required for setting up new cement projects.

ANNEXURE

(Lakh Tonnes)

Sl. No.	*Name of the Factory/ State/Region*	*Location*	*Installed Annual Capacity*
	NORTH		
J&K			
1.	J&K Cement Ltd., Khrew . . .	Khrew	2.00